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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 17, 2002, Applicant submits the following for consideration in the above-referenced patent application.

A. Discussion of Provisional Rejection of Claims 1-38 for Double-Patenting

In the Office Action, the Examiner provisionally rejected Claims 1-38 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-25 of application No. 08/942,005, which issued on July 23, 2002 as U.S. Pat. No. 6,425,006. The Examiner noted that a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) may be used to overcome this provisional rejection.

In response, Applicant provides a Terminal Disclaimer, filed herewith, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c). Therefore, Applicant submits that the Examiner's provisional rejection is now overcome, and respectfully requests that pending Claims 1-38 be allowed.

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